

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a packet receiving apparatus in a communication system for transmitting a packet signal upon changing over a parameter of a transmit signal in accordance with conditions of a propagation path, and, when the packet signal cannot be received correctly on a receiving side, retransmitting the packet signal, combining the packet data received previously and the retransmitted packet data and executing decode processing based upon the combined packet data. The receiving apparatus is such that if the propagation path conditions at the time of retransmission are inferior, part of the packet data extracted from a buffer is cut out and combined with a retransmission packet and decode processing is executed based upon the result of combining. If the propagation path conditions at the time of retransmission are superior, data of a plurality of packets to undergo retransmission combining is extracted from the buffer, the extracted data is combined with part of a retransmission packet and decode processing is executed based upon the result of combining.